



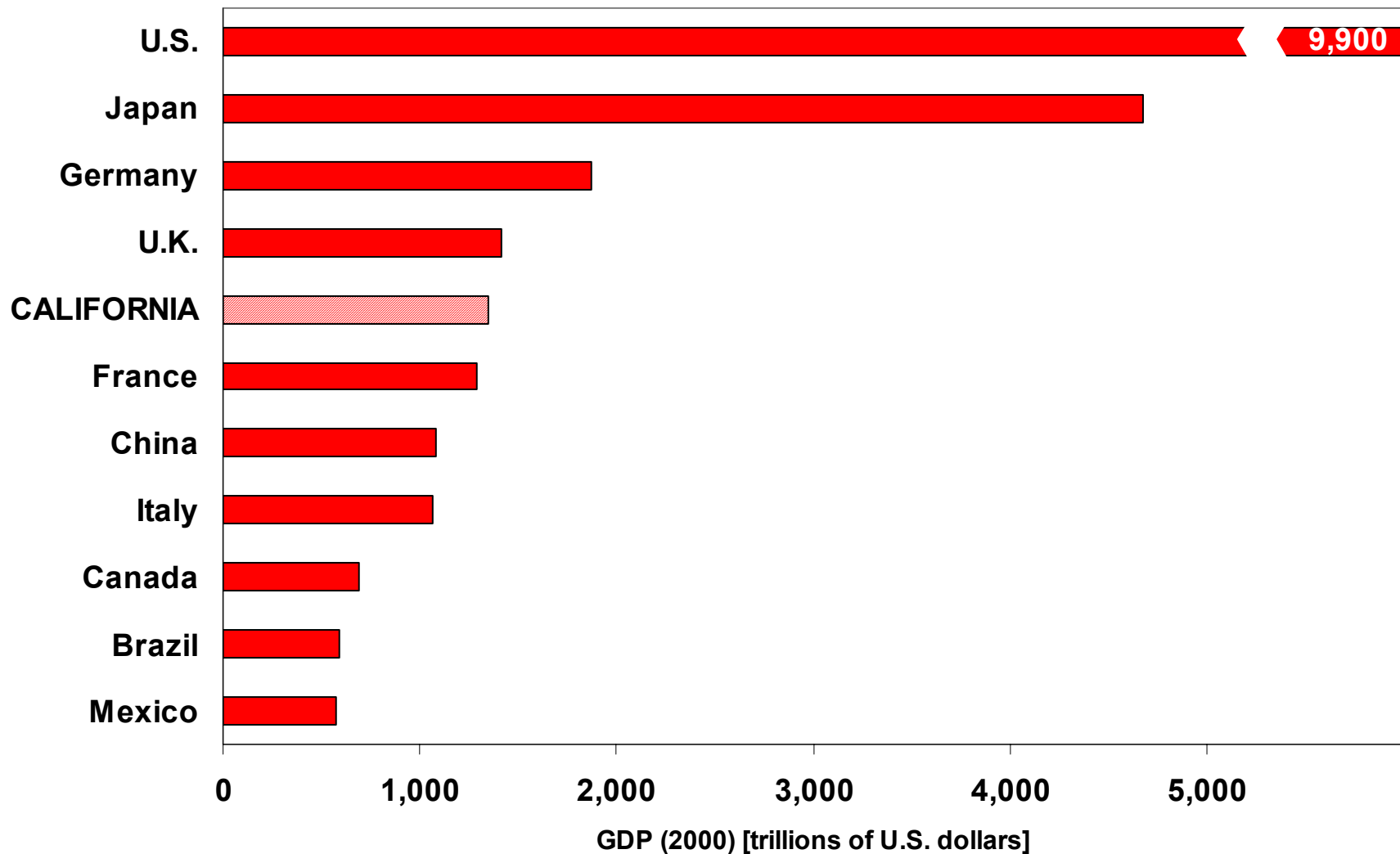
**California Energy Commission  
Energy R&D Activities:  
The PIER Program**

**Redwoods Technology Conference  
Eureka, Ca  
April 30, 2004**

**Terry Surles  
PIER Program Director  
Christopher Guay  
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory**

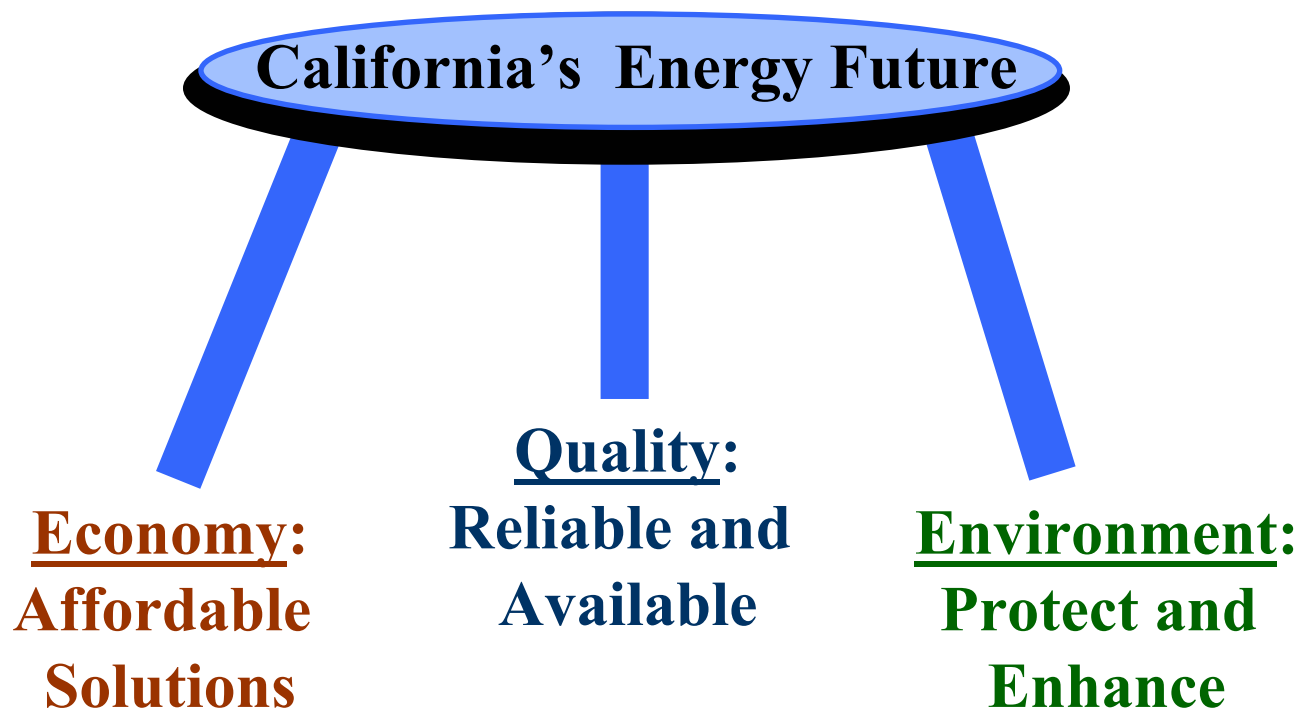


# GDP (2000)





# California has Established a \$62M/yr Public Interest Energy Research Program (PIER)

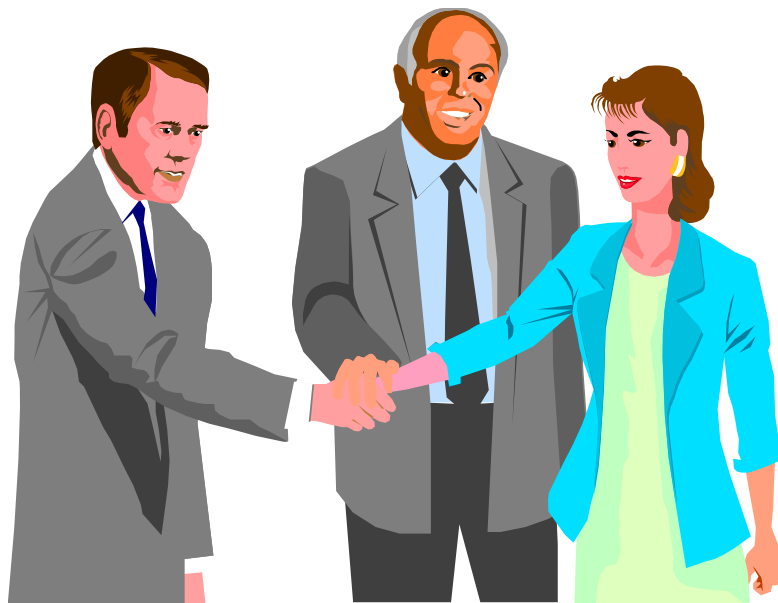




## Vision Statement

The future electrical system of California will provide a **clean, abundant and affordable supply** tailored to the needs of “**smart**”, **efficient customers** and will be the best in the nation.

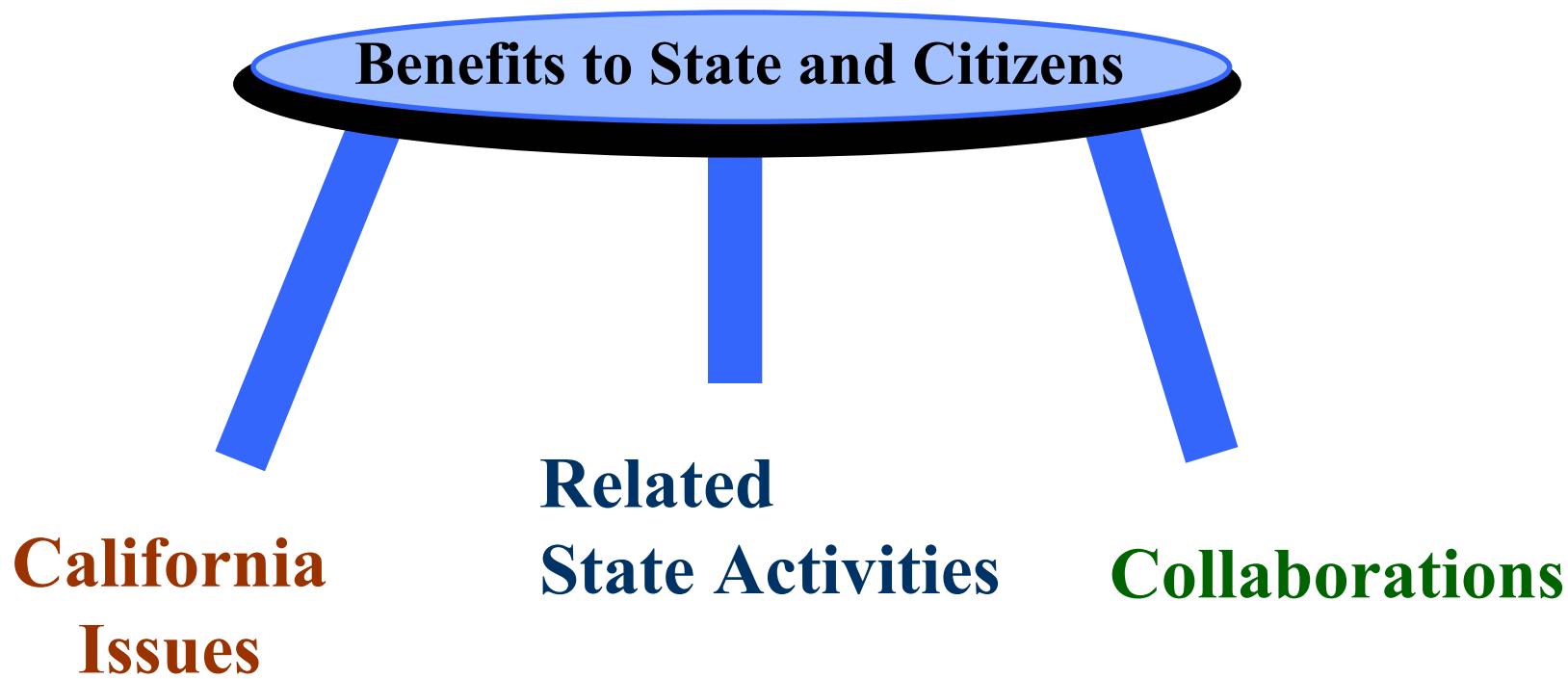
*Tailored,  
clean,  
abundant,  
affordable  
supply*



*Smart, efficient  
customers*



# Pier Has Designed a Program to Take Advantage of Its Unique Position to Provide Benefits to the State





# California Must be Prepared to Face the Same Issues as Others Must

## \* **Economics**

- ♦ **Resource Competition**
- ♦ **New technology market penetration**
- ♦ **Life cycle analysis**
- ♦ **State/Federal Laws**

## \* **Environment**

- ♦ **Impact of new technologies**
- ♦ **Climate change**
- ♦ **Sustainable practices**

## \* **Security**

- ♦ **Peak demand/demand response**
- ♦ **Infrastructure interdependencies**



**Energy Costs Fundamentally Affect our Overall Economy**



## PIER Program Ties into Synergistic State Regulatory, Incentive, and Subsidy Programs

- ★ **Buildings** – Titles 20 and 24
- ★ **Renewables** – Renewable portfolio standard (RPS)
- ★ **Environmentally-Preferred Advanced Generation** – 2007 ARB rules on distributed generation emissions
- ★ **Energy Systems Integration** –
  - ◆ CPUC/CEC initiatives in demand response/dynamic pricing
  - ◆ CAISO intermittent energy resources, transmission management tools
- ★ **Environmental** – Impacts/opportunities related to RPS, state initiatives (AB 1493) in climate change
- ★ **Industrial/Ag/Water** – State water issues



## Our Success is Coupled to the Successes of Our Technology Partnerships

- ★ **Universities** – UCOP standard contract
- ★ **Industries** – funding, obtaining co-funding, pushing deployment
- ★ **Federal** – Departments of Energy, Commerce, Agriculture
- ★ **National Laboratories** – LBNL, NREL, LLNL, ORNL, NETL, SNL, ANL
- ★ **State** – ARB, CDF, DWR, DOGGR, CFA, CPA, CPUC, DGS



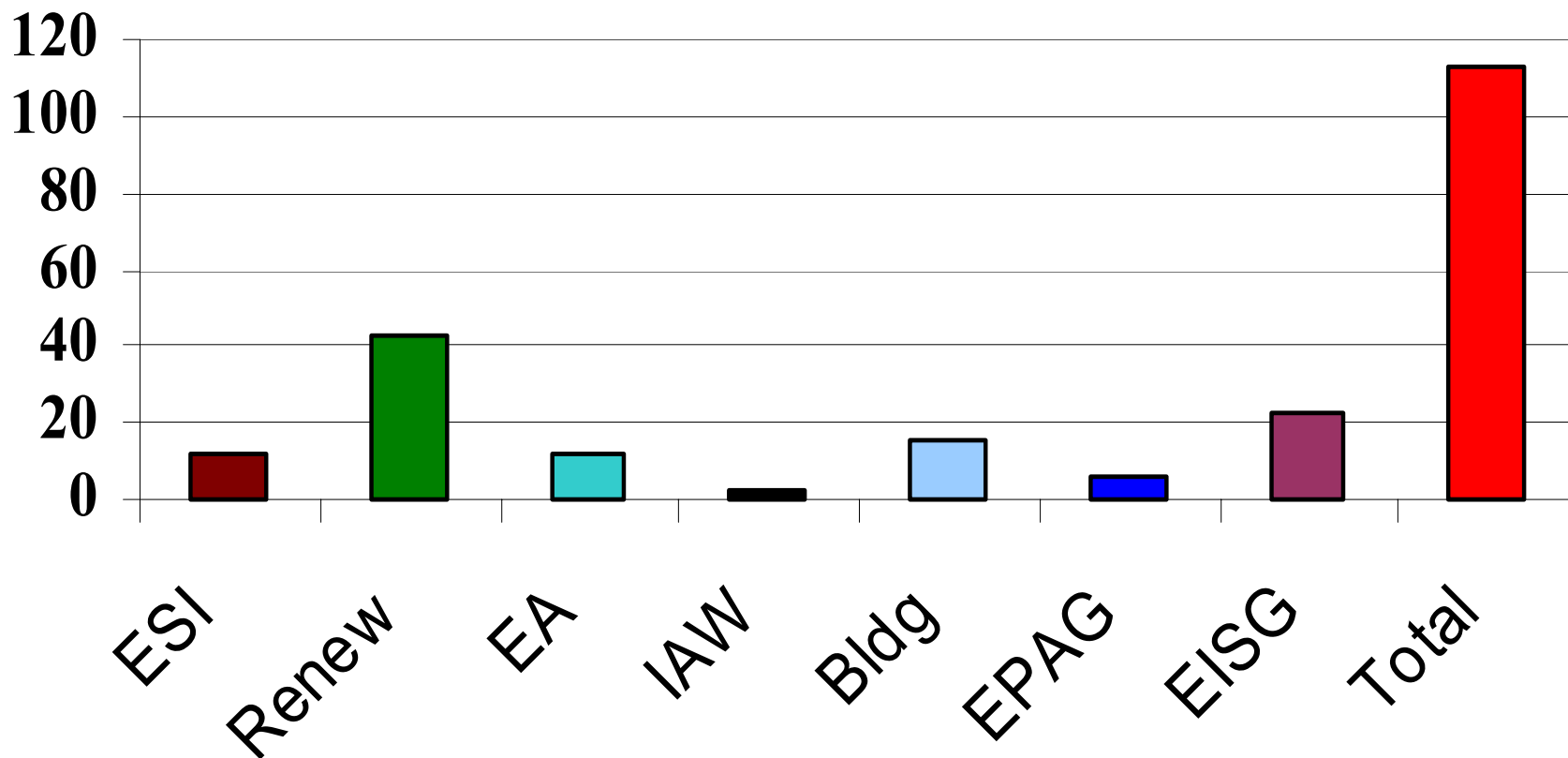


# Examples of Successful Working Relationships with Industries

- ★ Silicon valley Manufacturing Group (SVMG)
  - ◆ Ongoing attendance at bimonthly Energy Committee meetings for setting RD&D agenda and priorities since early 2001
- ★ California League of Food Processors (CFLP)
  - ◆ Formed an industry advisory group that met quarterly in 2001-2002 to set RD&D agenda and priorities
- ★ American Water Works Association - Research Foundation (AWWA-RF)
- ★ Emerging Technology Coordination Council (ETCC)- a PUC-mandated coalition with CA utilities for technology deployment and coordination

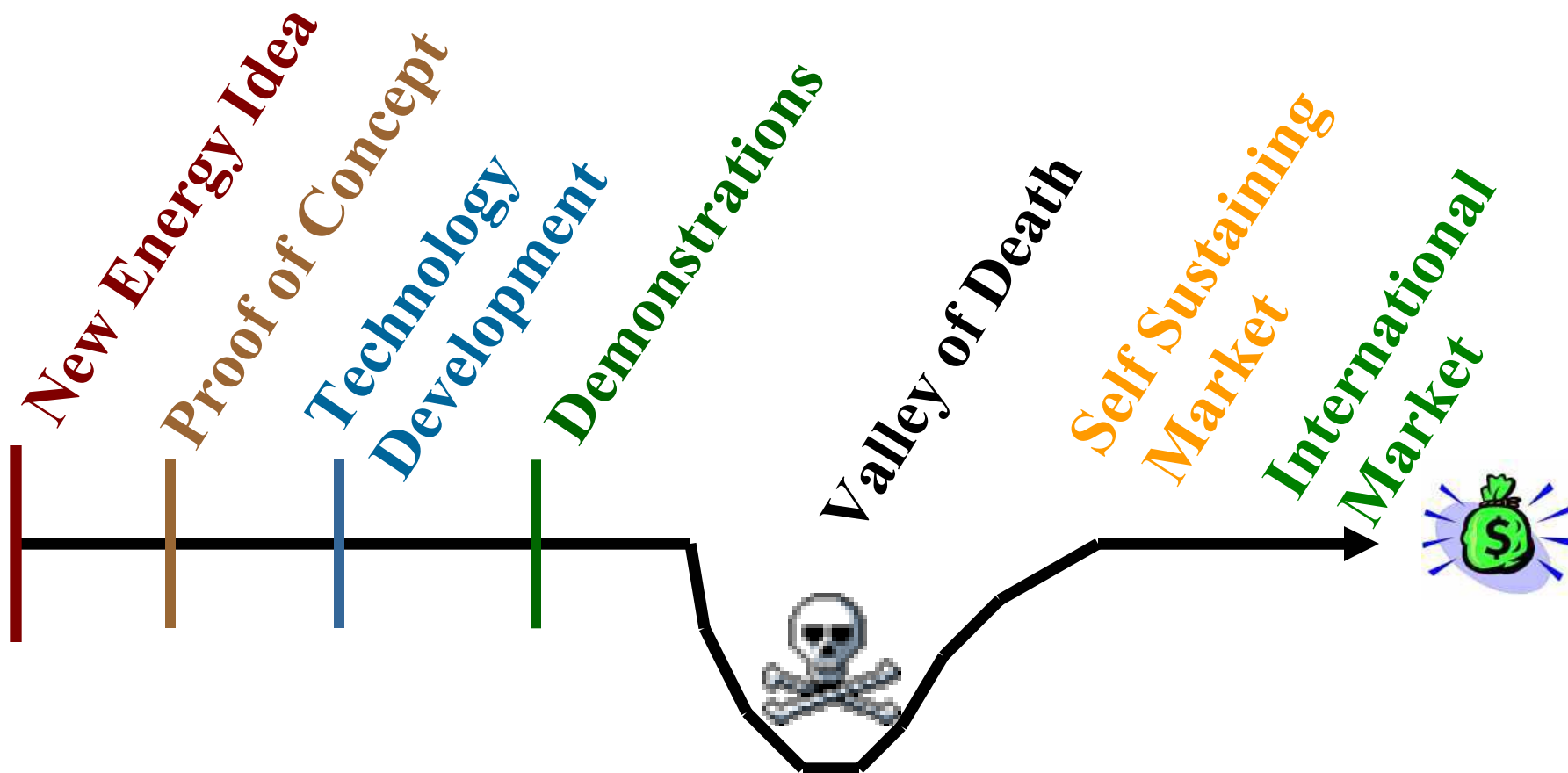


## PIER has been Effective in Bringing External Funding Into State



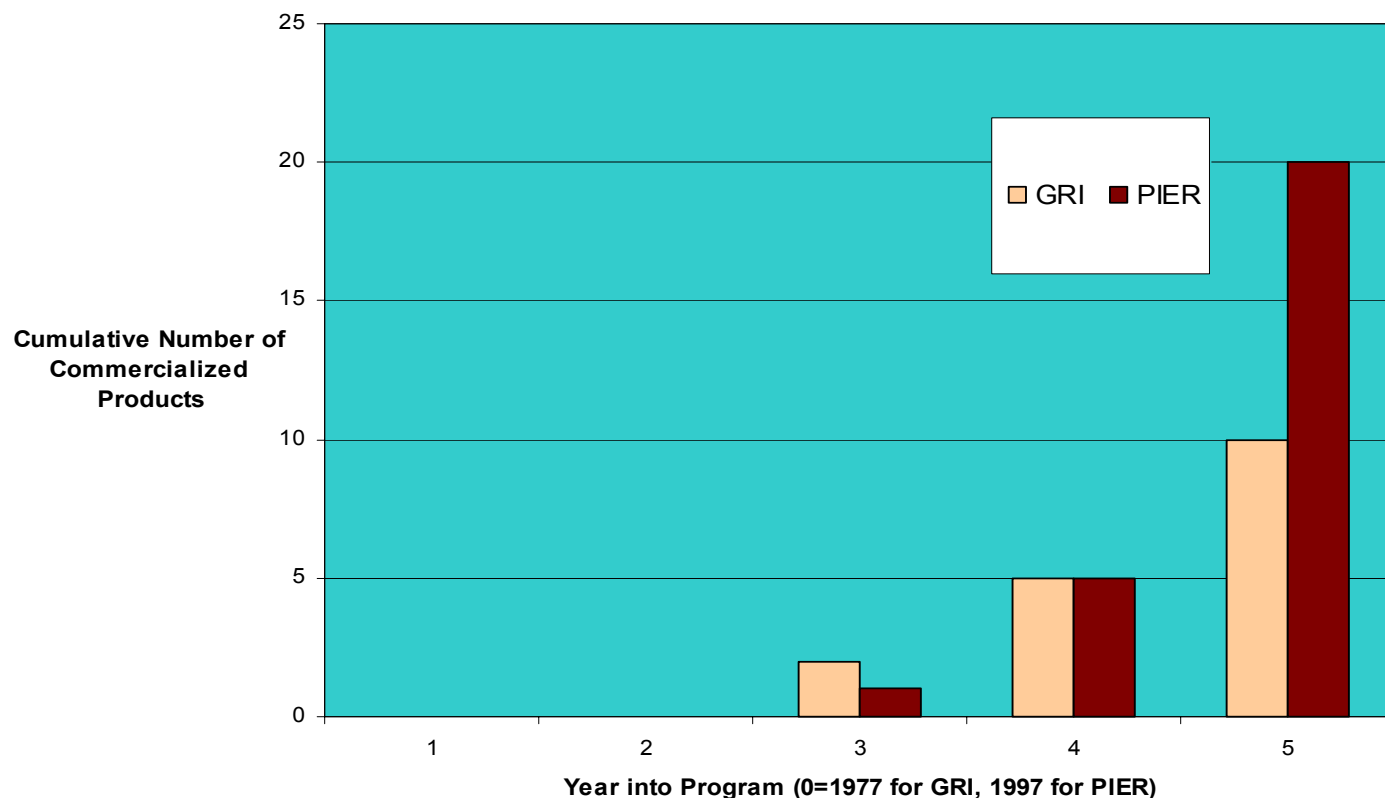


# PIER is Attempting to Bridge the Valley of Death: NREL Growth Forum, Incubators, SB 1038





## The Early Current Return on Investment Between \$2 and \$5 Per dollar Spent is Excellent for This Stage of Any R&D Program



**This analysis does not estimate intrinsic public benefits arising from reduced energy use and an improved environment.**



# CEC/PIER is Already Providing a Stream of Products Consistent with the California Energy Action Plan (CEAP)

## CEAP Goal

**Optimize efficiency,  
Reduce demand**

**Ensure power  
supply meet RPS**

**Upgrade T&D  
structure**

**Promote DG**

**Ensure reliable  
supply of NG**

## PIER Issue

**Reduce per capita  
energy use**

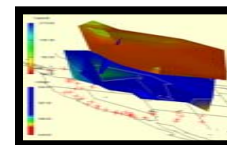
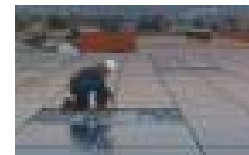
**Meet RPS**

**T&D System must be  
reliable and congestion-  
free**

**Peak demand reduction  
Low emissions DG  
Reliable, affordable DG**

**Meet marketplace needs**

## Products





# The Berkeley Lamp

## Laboratory-Utility-State Partnership





green  
metal  
panel

COURTESY  
BASF CORPORATION

cool

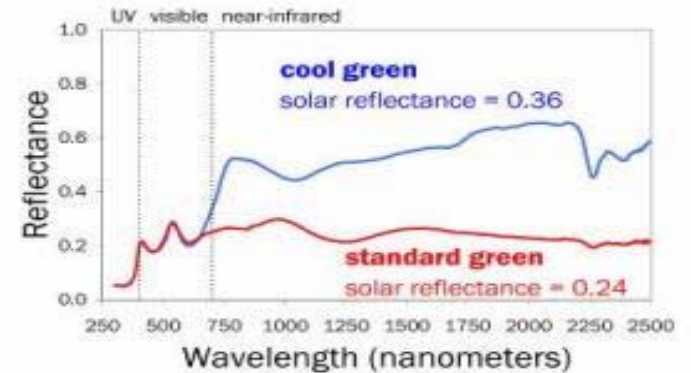


**solar reflectance = 0.36**  
thermal emittance = 0.85  
roof temp - air temp = 31°C (56°F)

standard



**solar reflectance = 0.24**  
thermal emittance = 0.85  
roof temp - air temp = 38°C (68°F)







# Colored Cool Roof Project

- ★ Available now:

- ◆ Standing seam
- ◆ Clay tile



- ★ In development

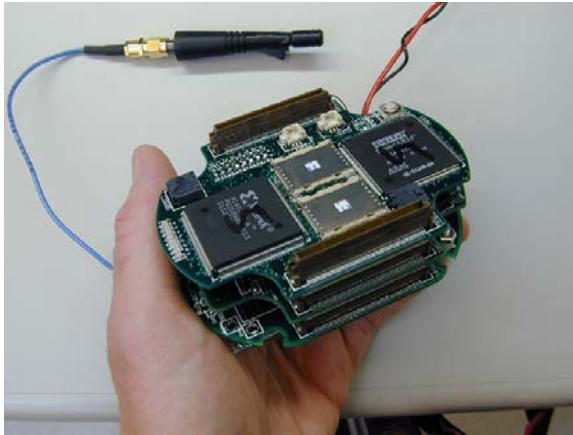
- ◆ Concrete tile
- ◆ Composition



EAGLELITE  
Golden Eagle #199

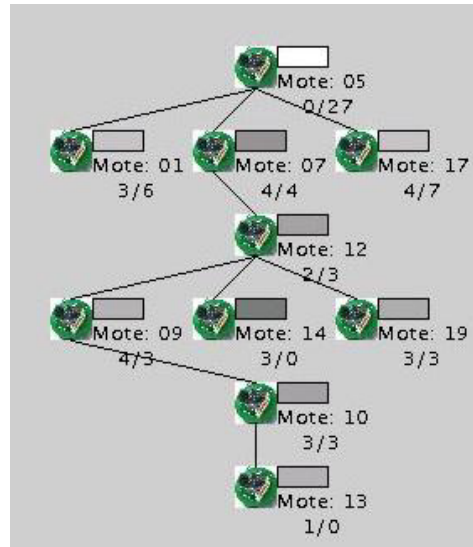


# UC Berkeley Technologies



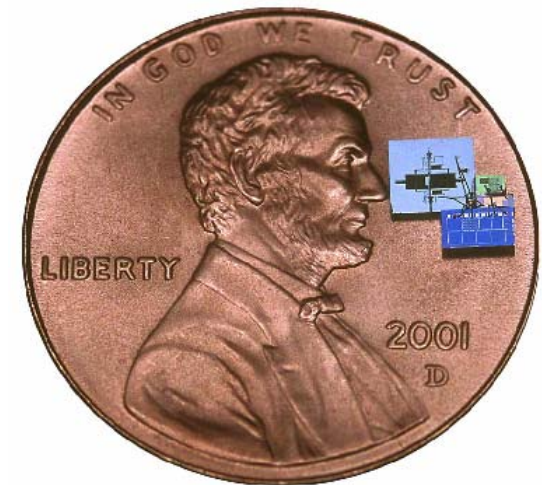
## Pico radio

Ultra-low energy  
( $<5\text{nJ/bit}$ )  
Ultra-low power  
( $<100\text{ }\mu\text{W}$ )



## TinyOS

Event-based  
operating system for  
sensor networks.

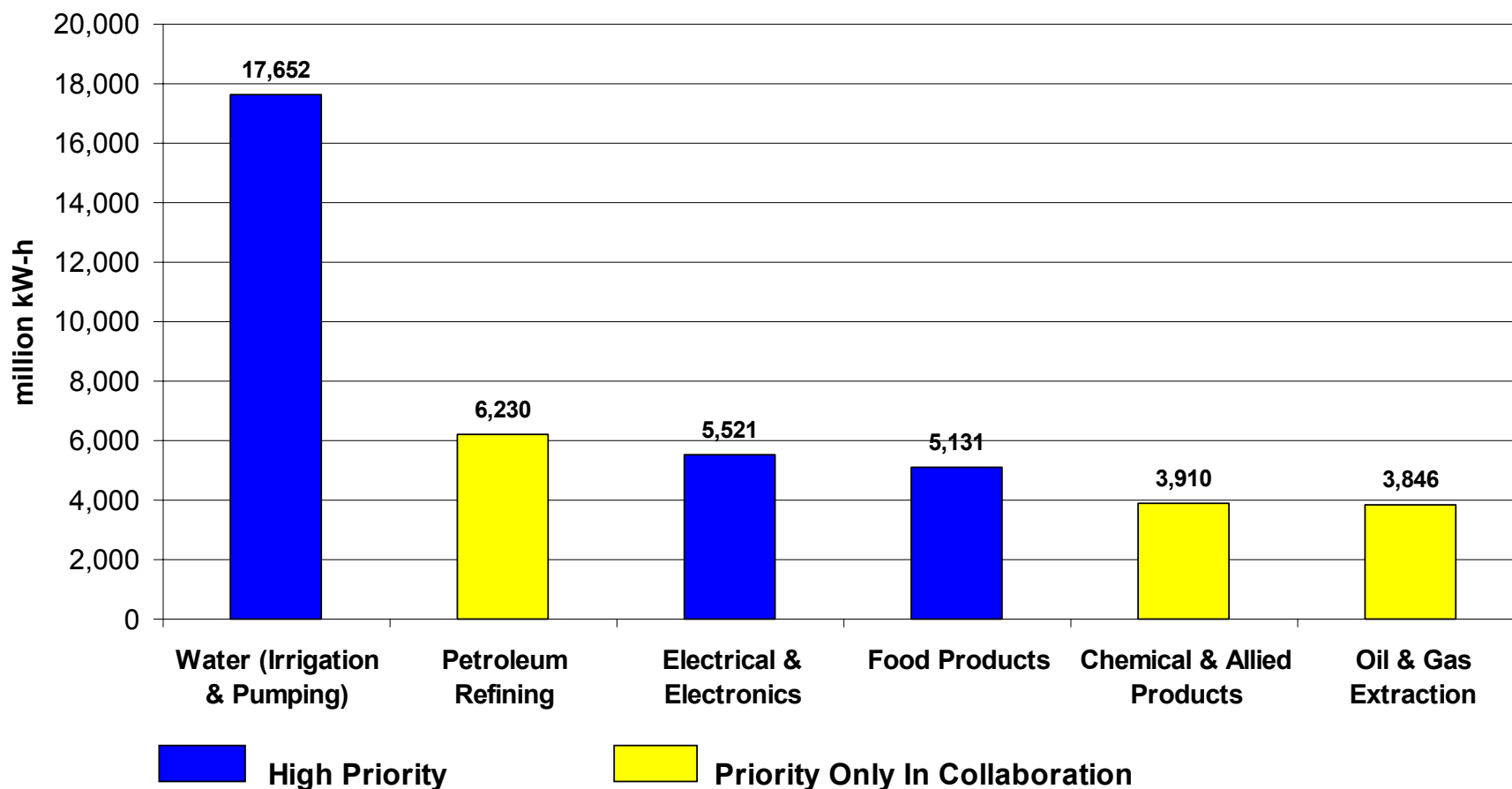


## Smart Dust

Ultra-small  
( $<1\text{ mm}^3$ )



# Program Priority for Energy Intensive Industries that Impact the Economy, Employment and the Environment





# Link in Irrigation and Electricity Use (Detail Analysis Commenced upon Tech Review Committee Suggestion)

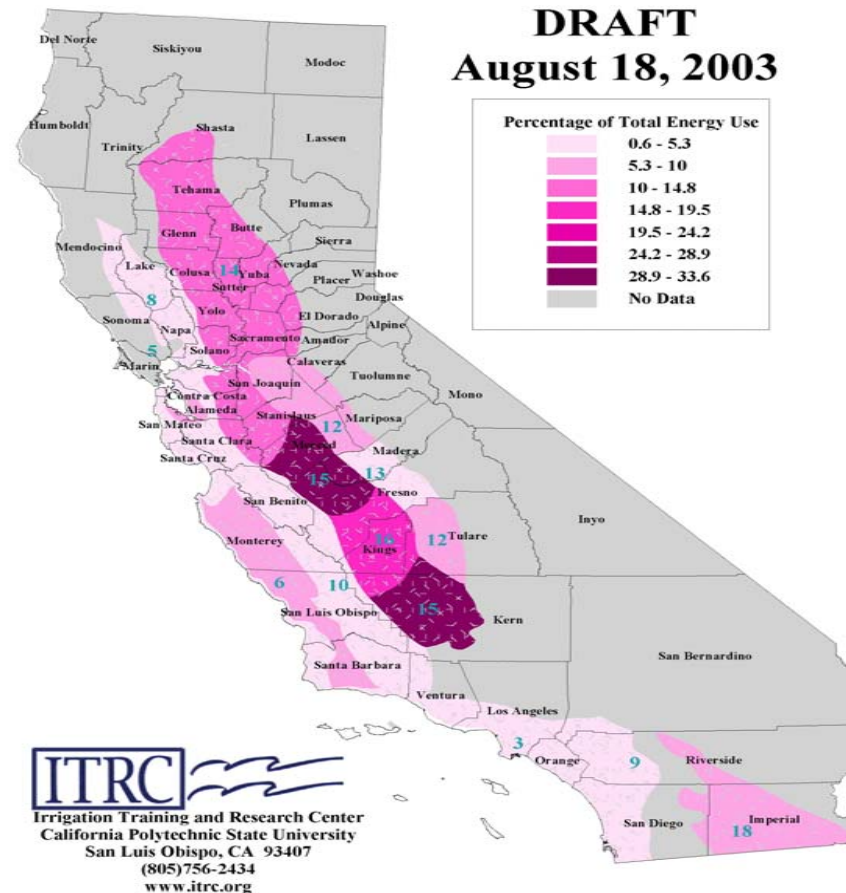


Figure: Shows where the majority of energy is used in the state for agricultural pumping.



# Dry Cooling Spray Enhancement Reduces Water use Without Performance Penalty

- ★ **Issue:** Wet cooling requires enormous water consumption. Dry cooling has associated cost and performance barriers
- ★ **Project:** Developed hybrid system: spray enhancement
- ★ **Benefits:** Demonstrated the technical viability of spray enhancement; potential to recover 160,000 MWh/yr. state-wide of generating capacity; can be used to retrofit existing units
- ★ **Collaborators:** EPRI, DWR

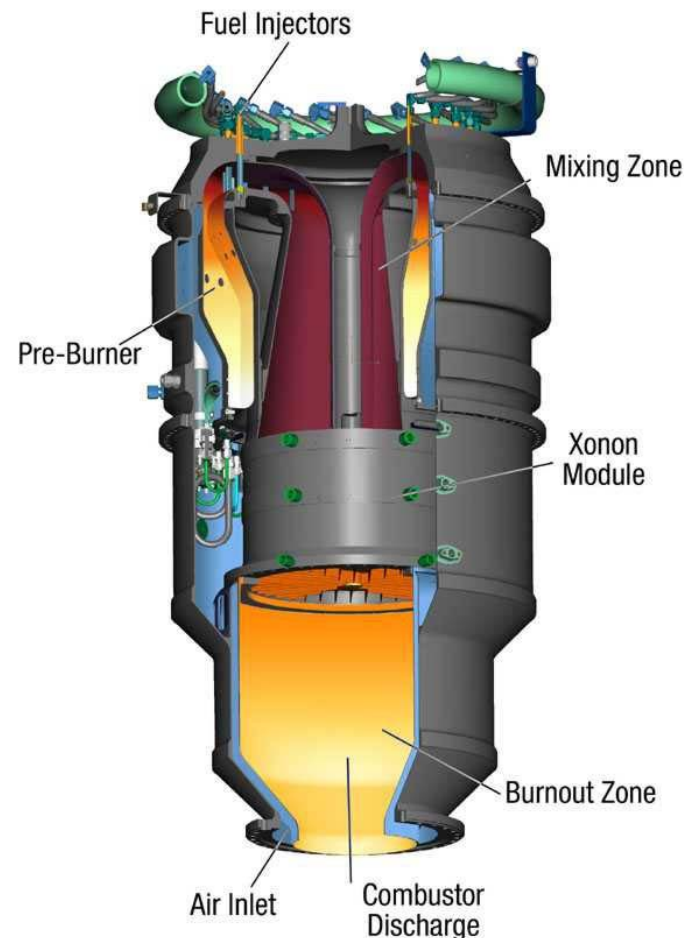




# Catalytica's Xonon Combustion System for Gas Turbines



- **California Air Resource Board pre-certification of Xonon.**
- **EPA's first Clean Air Excellence Award.**
- **Xonon lowers NO<sub>x</sub> emissions without SCR and allows deployment of smaller turbines for DG by controlling combustion temperature to prevent NO<sub>x</sub> formation.**
- **Now working with GE turbines**



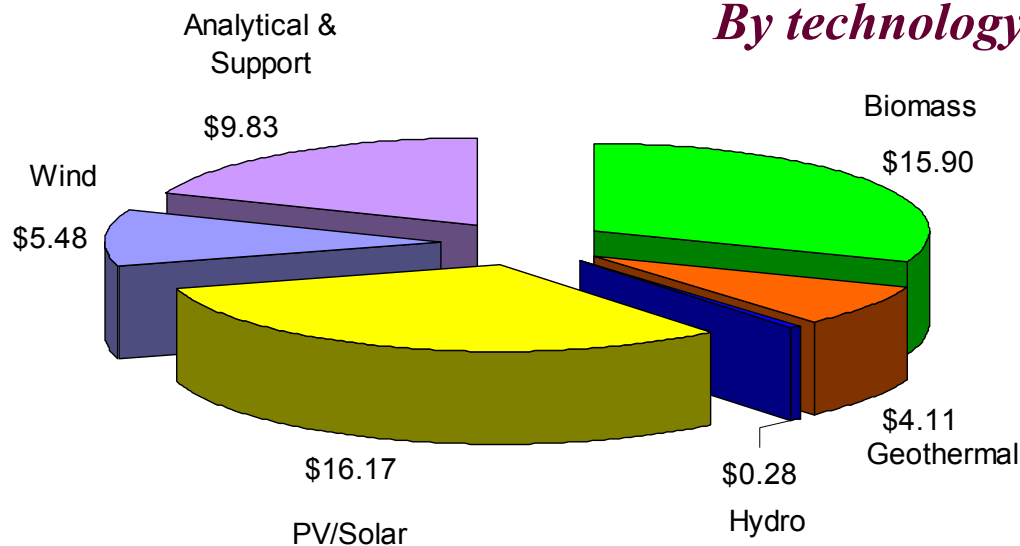
**Catalytica's Xonon<sup>®</sup> catalytic combustor for use with a Kawasaki brand turbine**





# PIER Renewables Funding (To Date)

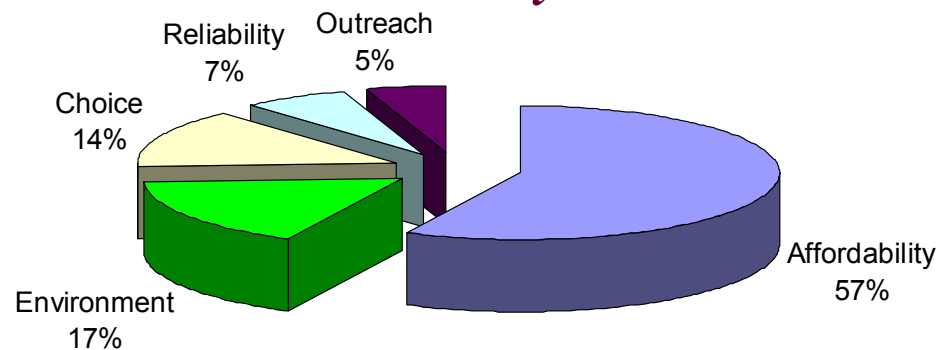
## *By technology/activity*



Funds in \$millions  
(2002)

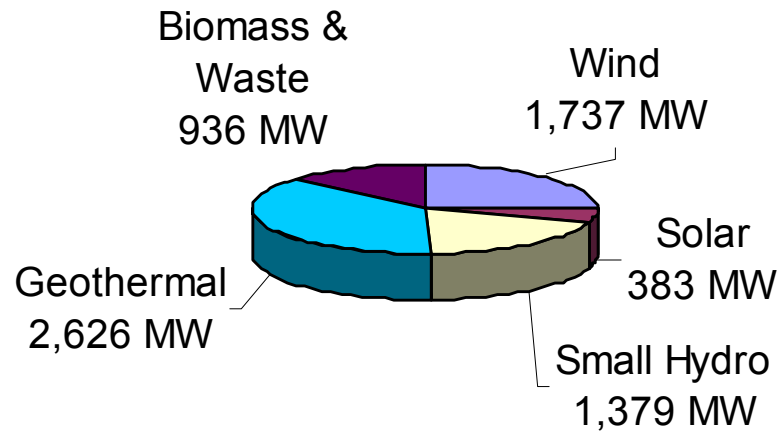


## *By issue addressed*

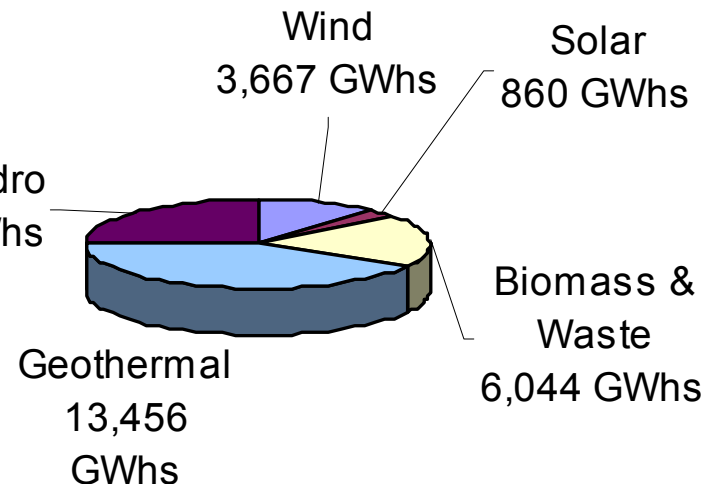




# California Renewable Energy in 2000



## CA's In-State Renewable Generation

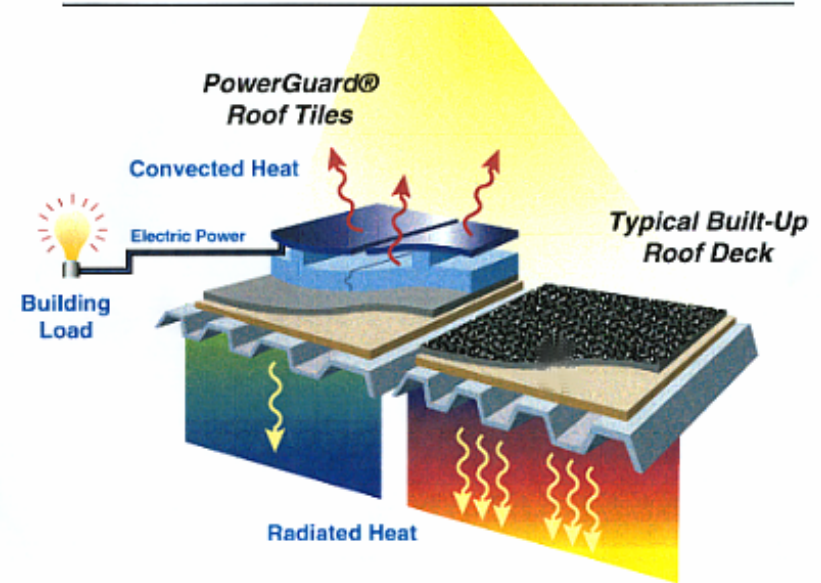




# PowerLight's PowerGuard



## *PowerGuard® - Power Generation & HVAC Savings*



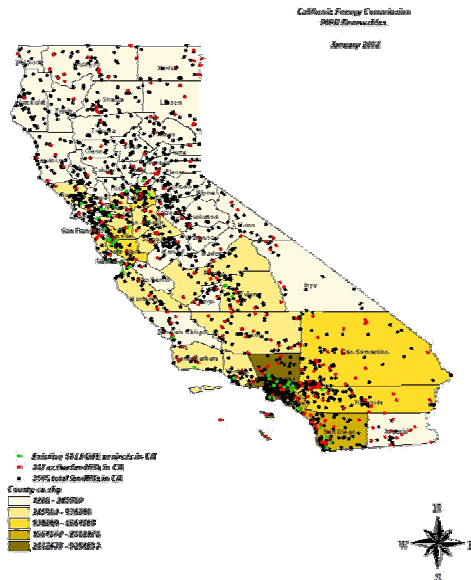
**While California is known for its hot dry summers, that same solar resource provides a clean, safe and reliable way to generate electricity**

**PowerLight's insulated 30 year roof system reduces building air conditioning loads while it's PV surface generates electricity during hot and expensive peak summer hours**



# Yolo County's Bioreactor Landfill

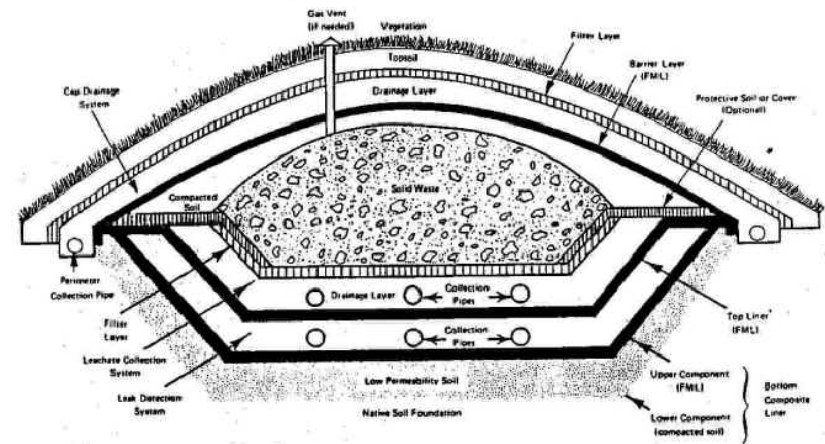
Total, active, and LFGTE Landfills in California



The landfill data is provided by the California Integrated Waste Management Board and California Energy Commission.

*Only 51 of California's 3000 landfills generate electricity from landfill gas. Up until this projects, it was too costly to generate electricity from many landfills.*

THE BASICS OF LANDFILLS:  
How They are Constructed and Why They Fail



*Yolo's bioreactor approach significantly increases gas generation making landfill electricity generation competitive.*



# **Biomass Activities: Improving Costs and Performance, While Making Biomass Cleaner and More Responsive to Local Needs**

## **\* Lowering High Costs**

- ♦ Expanding capability to use lower cost fuels
- ♦ Extending bioreactors that have high value to communities

## **\* Improving Performance**

- ♦ Increasing co-firing and peaking capability

## **\* Making Biomass Cleaner**

- ♦ Developing low emitting NOx technologies that will meet CARB's 2007 standards
- ♦ Investigating ways to reduce groundwater and air quality impacts at landfills and dairies using advanced biogas systems

## **\* Increasing Responsiveness to Local Needs**

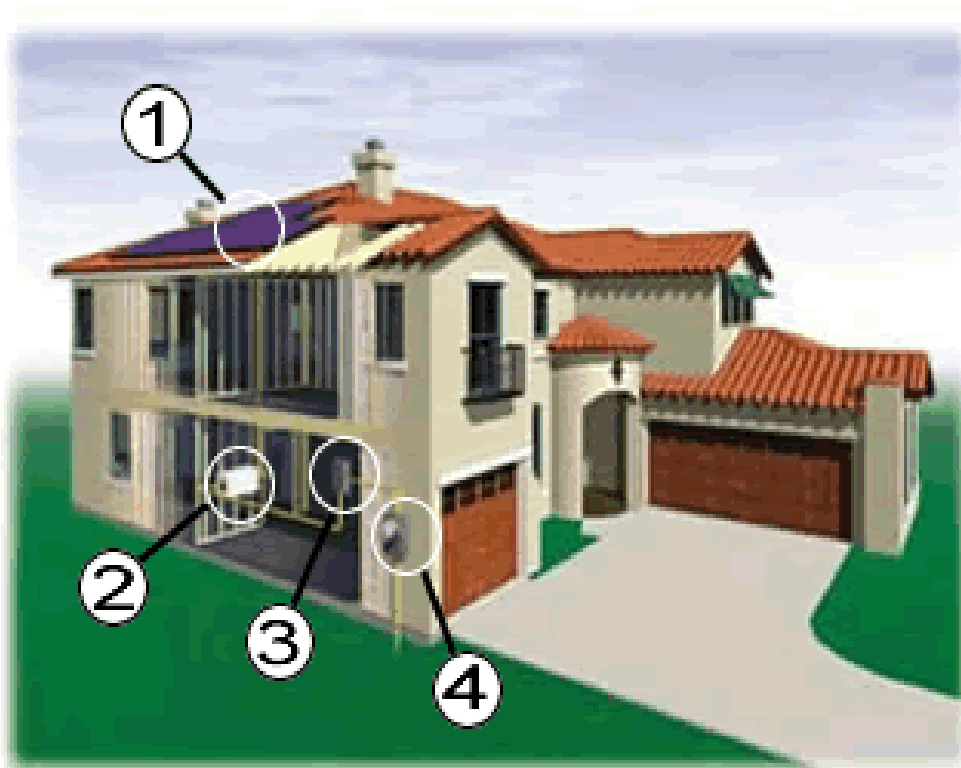
- ♦ Developing small modular biomass technologies for local capacity/congestion issues
- ♦ Expanding development/demonstrations on urban, forestry and agricultural residues that pose environmental problems



# Potential New California Home with Efficiency and Integrated Solar



- ★ **Translucent super-insulating power generating roof**
- ★ **Inverter, Storage for TOU**
- ★ **DC dedicated use**
- ★ **Net metering**
- ★ **Night Breeze cooling**
- ★ **Grid-friendly appliances**
- ★ **Lighting for California kitchens**
- ★ **Community-based energy solutions**



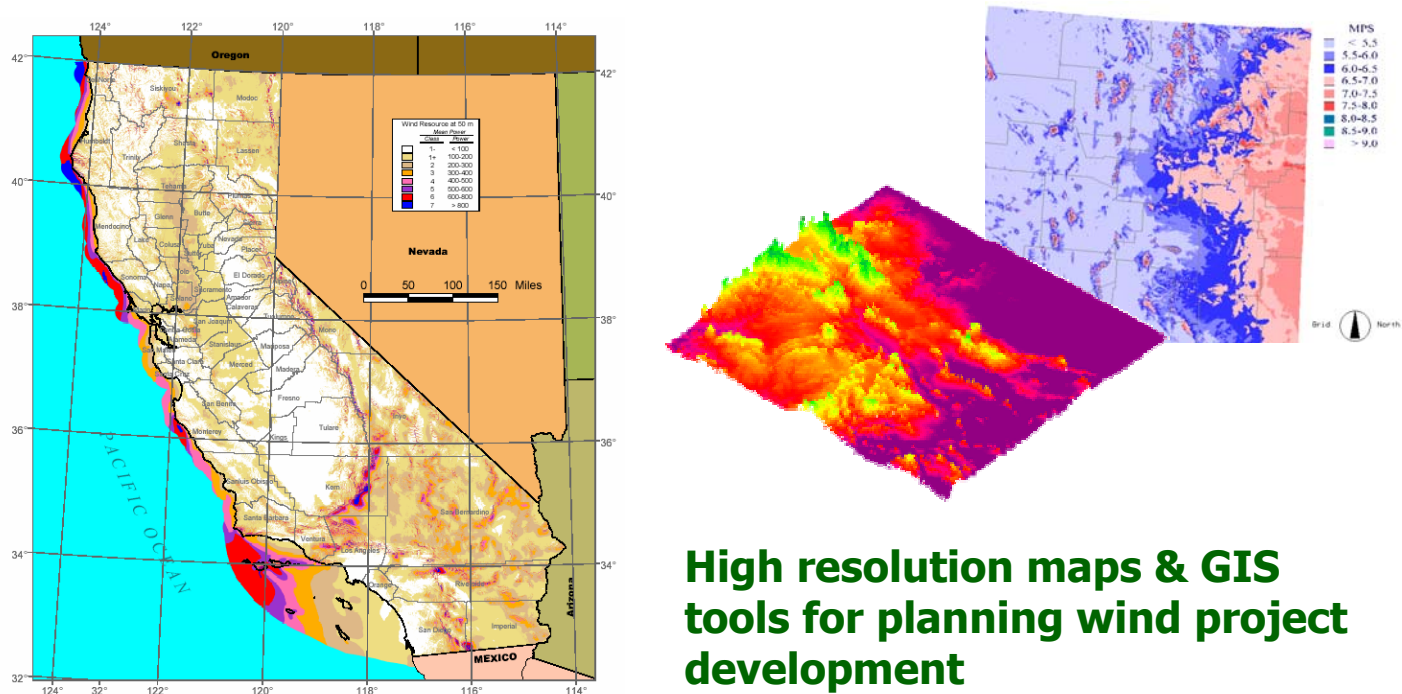


# Developing Products to Better Integrate Renewables into the Grid

- ★ High resolution wind maps
  - ◆ Updated and more comprehensive wind resource data that provided critical conclusions on wind development opportunities
- ★ Wind performance reporting system
  - ◆ Updated performance and trends information
- ★ Wind forecasting
  - ◆ Scheduling wind up to 48 hours ahead and helps Cal ISO with generation scheduling
- ★ Clean power estimator
  - ◆ Estimating value of BIPV with efficiency options

# Re-mapping & Validation

- ★ Numerical modeling techniques coupled with meteorological expertise & field measurements
- ★ Integrate GIS techniques for analysis & planning
- ★ Couple tall tower and *remote sensing* data



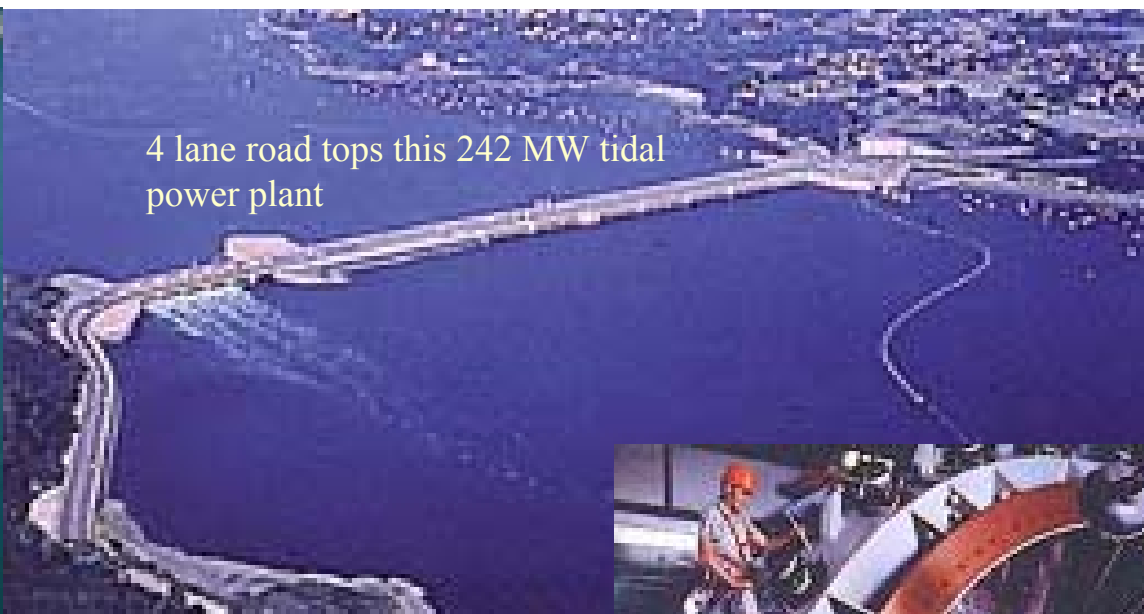


## **PIER has Recently Completed an Assessment of Ocean Energy Potential**

- ★ Focus on California
- ★ Focus on wave energy



# Tidal Energy: Impoundment/Turbines



**La Rance  
Estuary, France  
242 MW  
Operating Since  
1967**







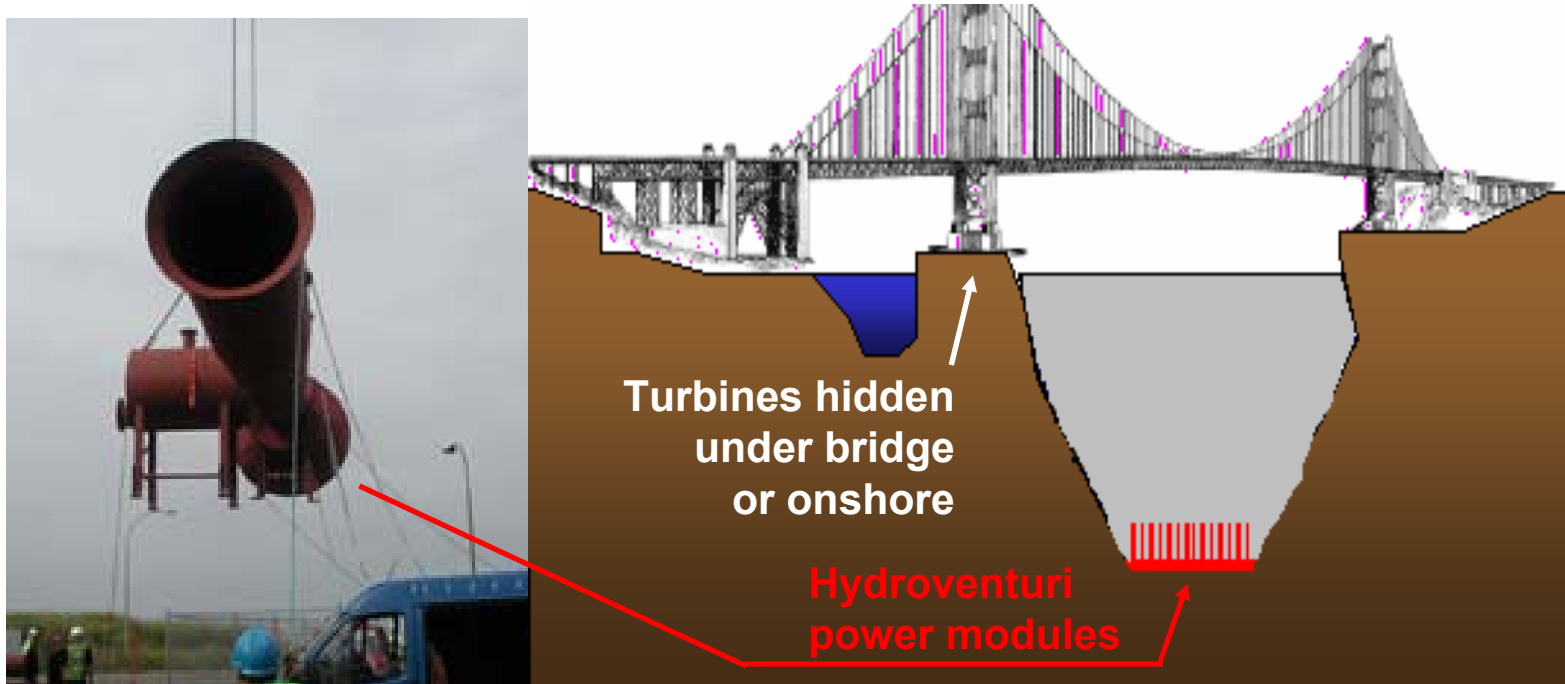
# Tidal Demonstration East River, New York City



Verdant Power received funding from NYSERDA and other participating state, federal, and private organizations for a prototype demonstration. FERC has issued a preliminary permit for the prototype tidal project.



# Proposed San Francisco Tidal Project



**San Francisco Bay is one of top 10 tidal energy sites worldwide**

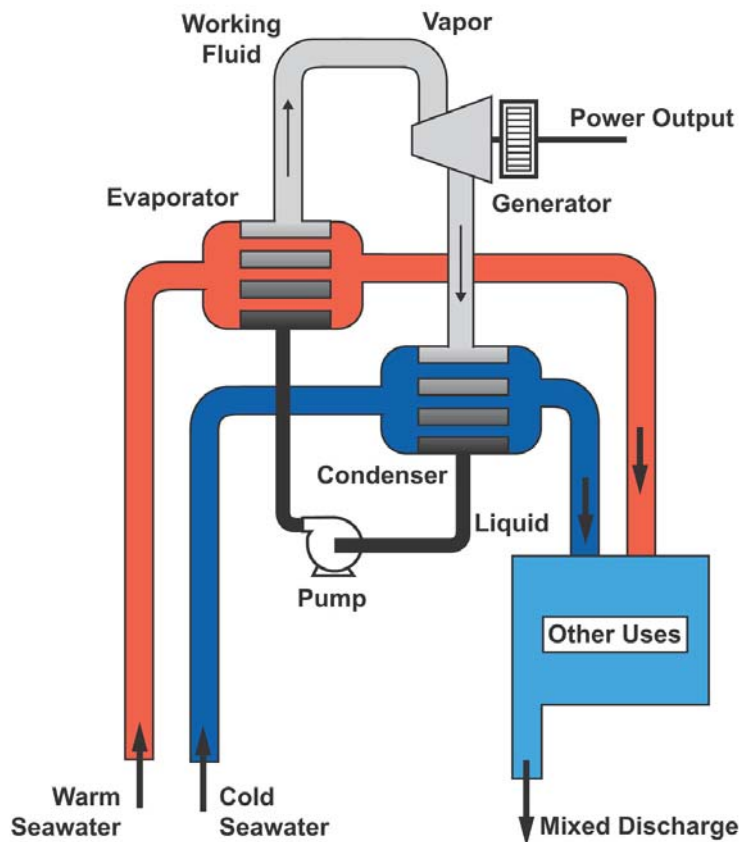
- Total tidal energy in SF Bay ~ 2000 MW ( $> 2\times$  peak power demand of San Francisco)
- 1 MW pilot project planned (future expansion possible)



# The Technologies:

## Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC)

### Closed Cycle OTEC

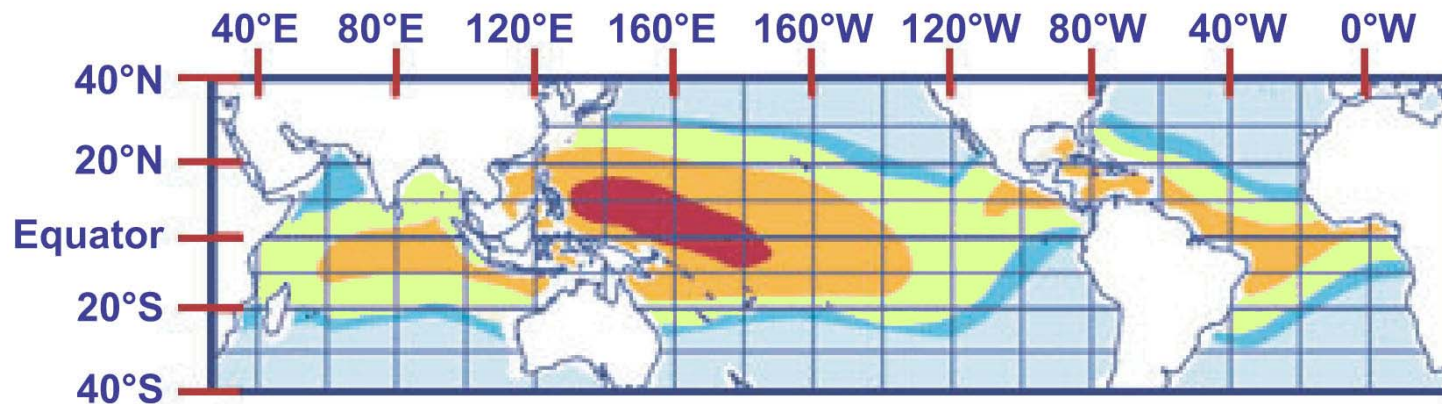


- \* Ocean's natural thermal gradient (warm surface waters, cold deep waters) drives power-producing cycle
- \* OTEC converts solar radiation to electric power
  - ♦ Tropical seas cover 60 million km<sup>2</sup> - world's largest solar collector
  - ♦ Solar radiation absorbed on average day equal in heat content to ~250 billion barrels of oil
- \* Three types of OTEC systems: open, closed, and hybrid

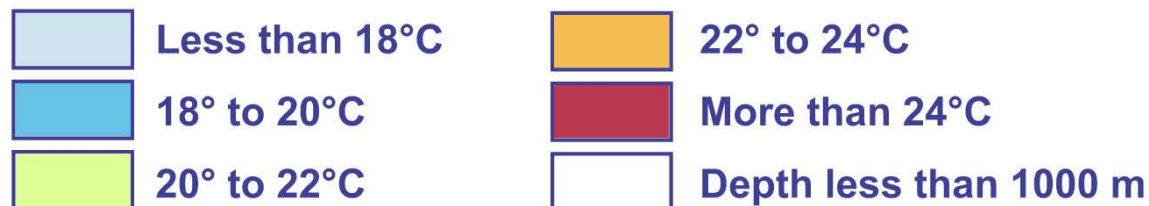


# Global Ocean Thermal Gradient

**Temperature difference between warm surface water and cold deep water must be  $>20^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $36^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) for OTEC system to produce significant power**

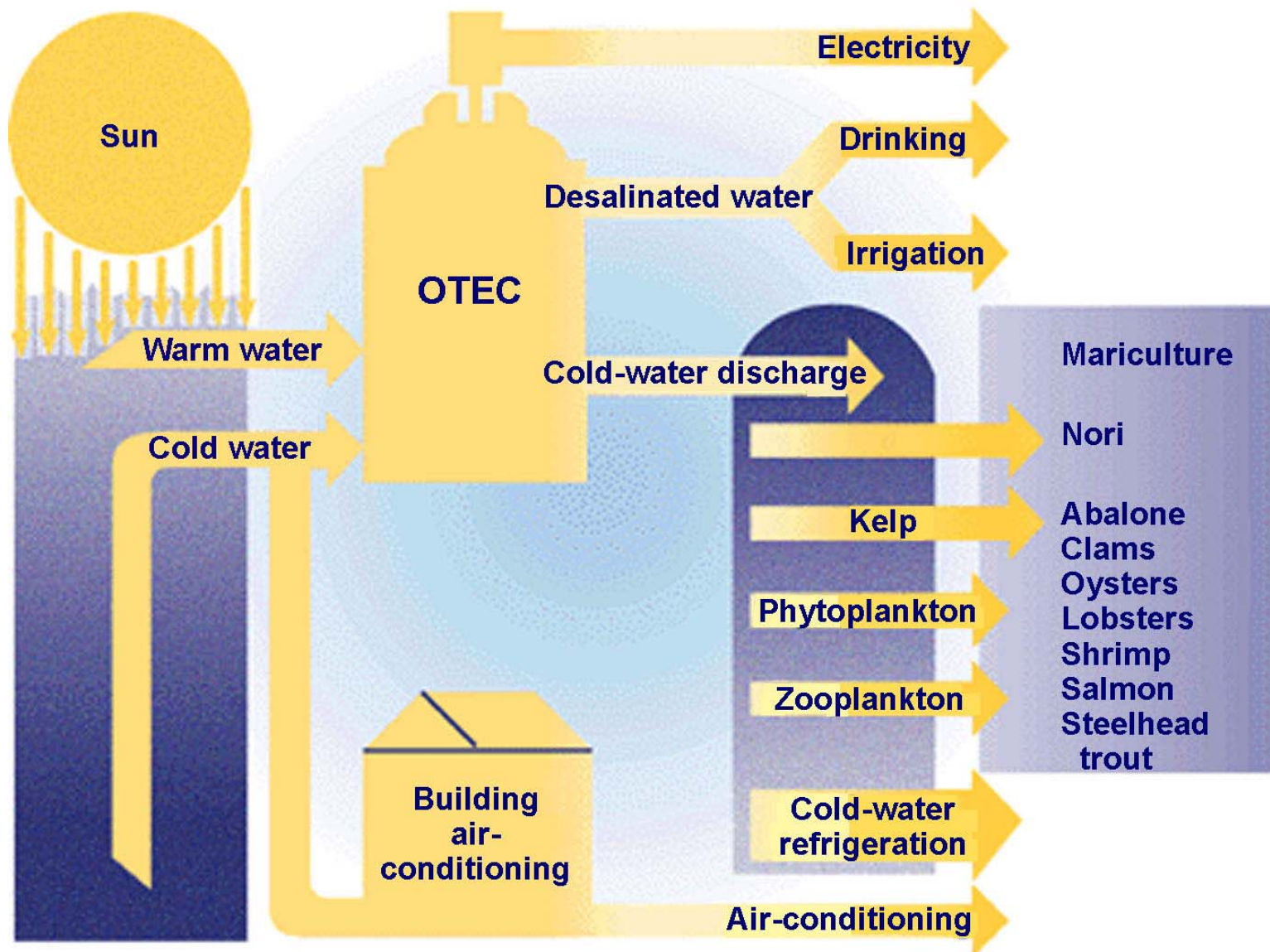


Temperature difference between surface and depth of 1000 m



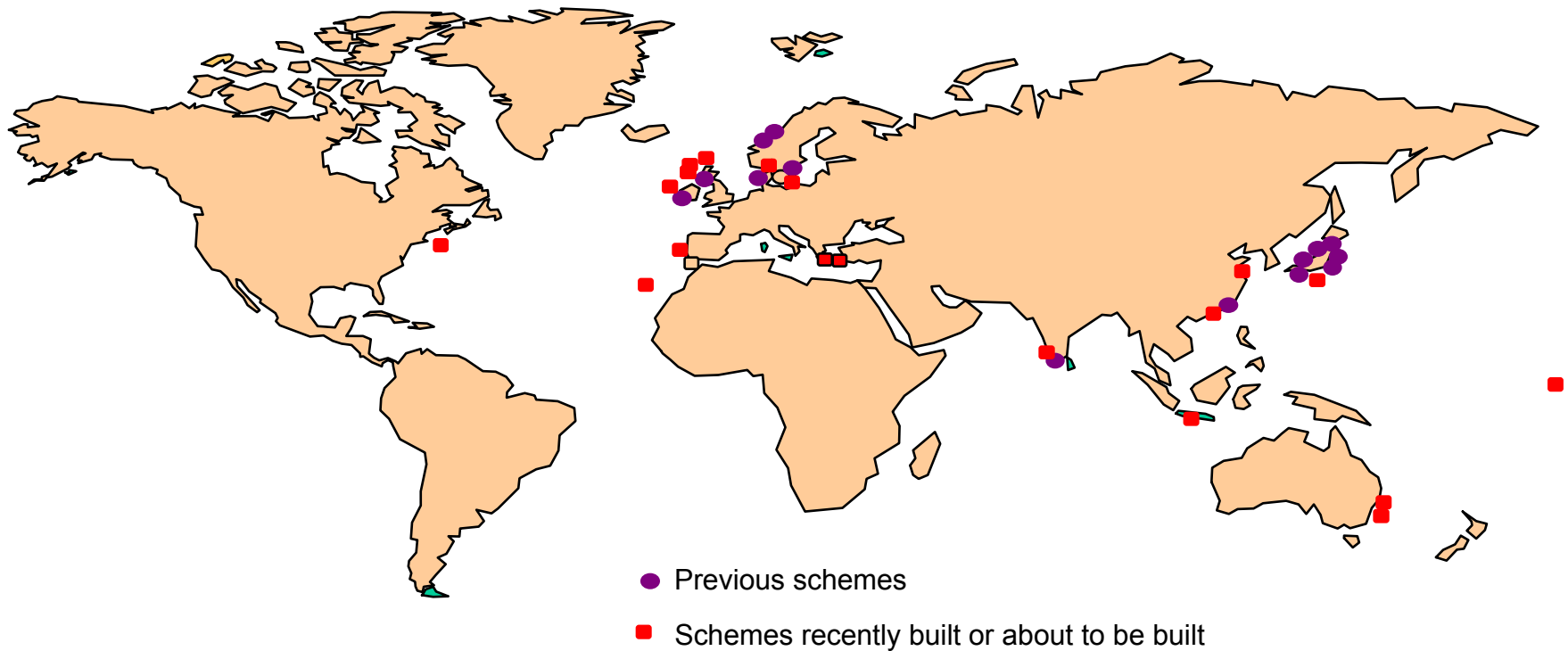


# Other Uses for OTEC



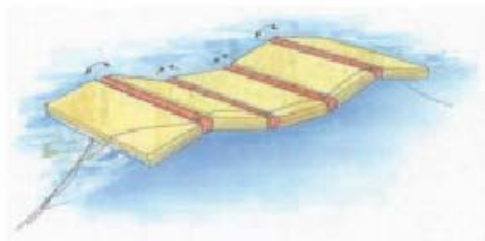
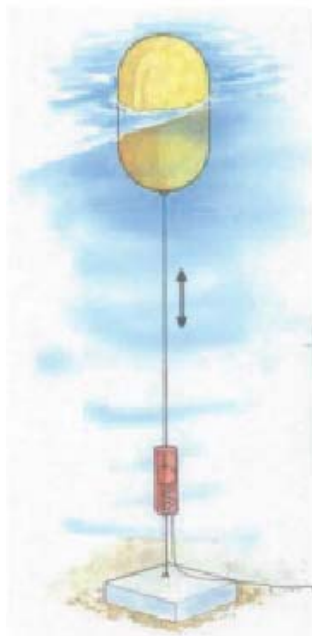


# Worldwide Wave Energy Prototype Demonstration Sites





# Buoyant Moored Devices

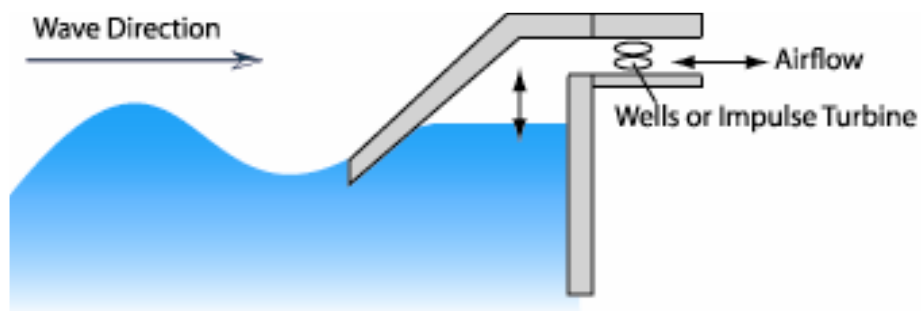


**Power conversion:**  
**Hydraulic compression system**



**IPS Buoy Mark IV  
(AquaEnergy Group Ltd, WA)**

# Oscillating Water Column (OWC)



**Power conversion: Air turbine**



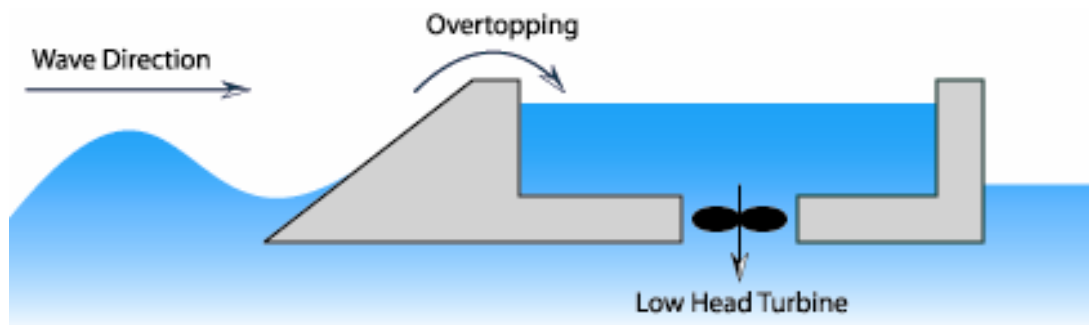
**Energetech OWC**  
(Energetech, Australia)



**WaveGen**  
**Demonstration, UK**



# Overtopping Devices



Power conversion:  
**Low-head water turbine**



**Wave Dragon (Wave Dragon International, Denmark)**





# California Energy Commission

## Wave Energy Resource Study

### ★ Data sources

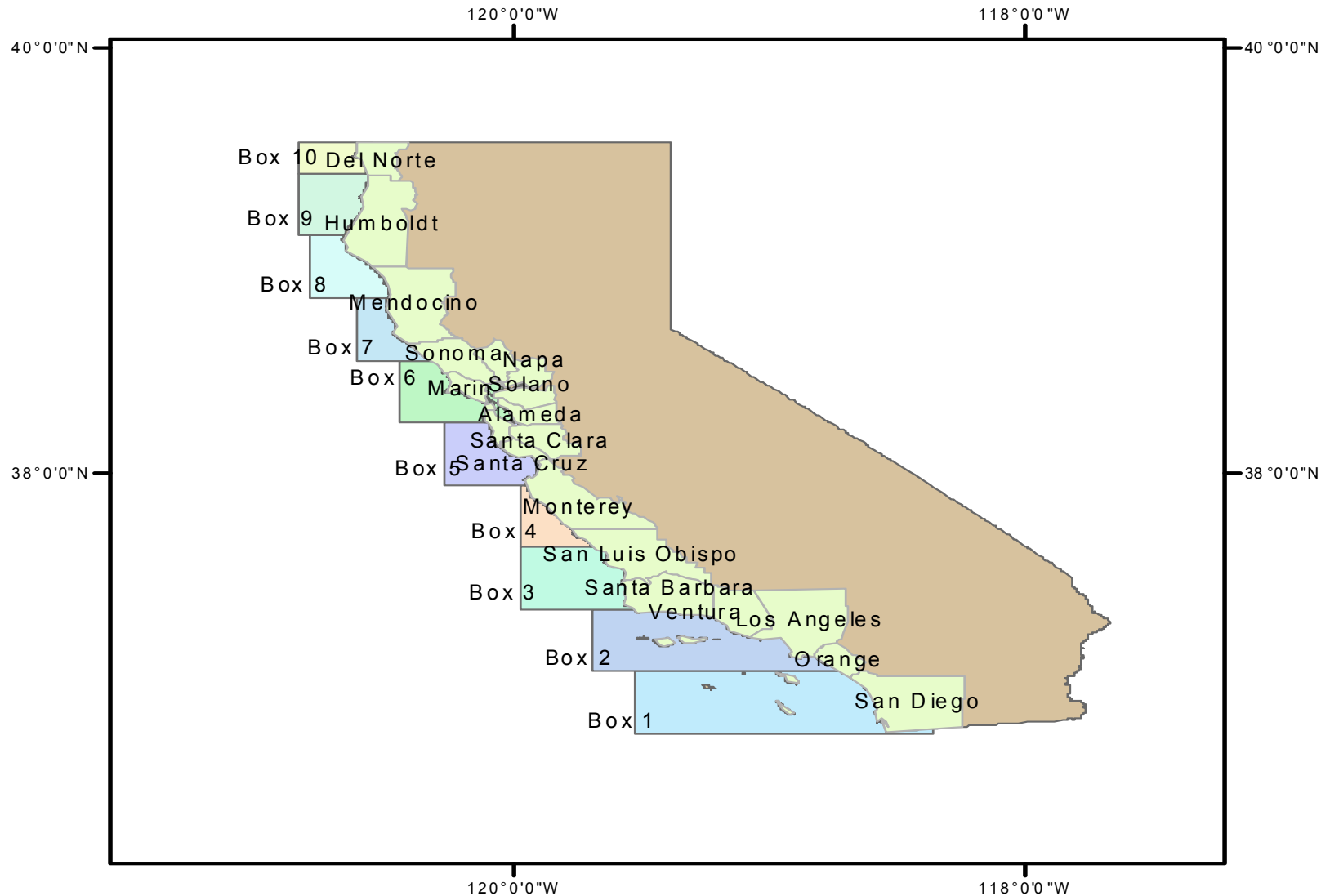
- ◆ Coastal Information Data Program (CDIP), Scripps Institute of Oceanography
- ◆ National Data Buoy Center (NDBC), NOAA
- ◆ Wave Information Study (WIS) results
- ◆ Pacific Ocean Reanalysis Wind 50-year time series

### ★ Revealed:

- ◆ CA has good wave energy resources close to shore because the ocean depth increases quickly westward
- ◆ North of Point Conception is suited for electricity-generating WECs sited near-shore or offshore
- ◆ South of Point Conception wave energy is dispersed because of the shadowing effect of the Channel Islands



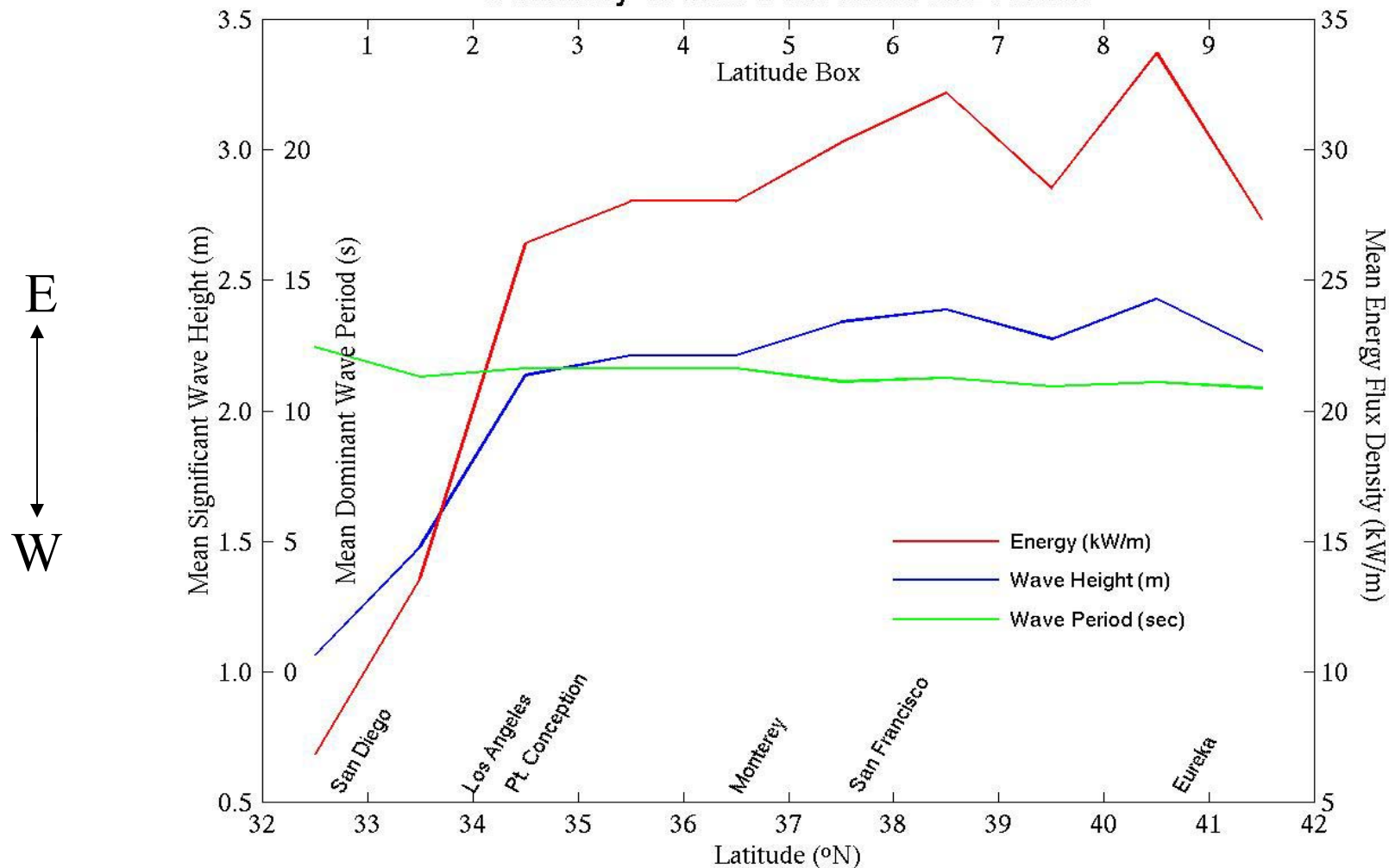
# Resource Evaluation: Ten One-Degree Latitude Cells





# Wave Energy Density Varies Widely Off Coastline at Point Conception from N-S

Summary of California Wave Resources





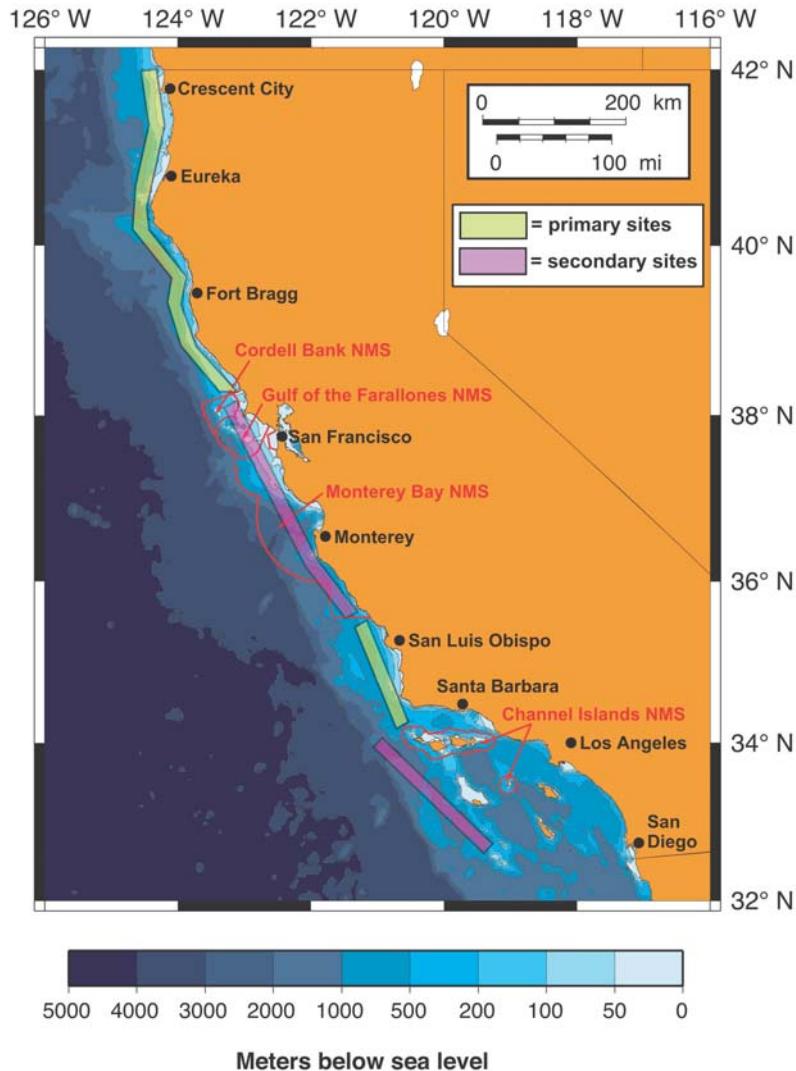
# California Wave Energy Resources

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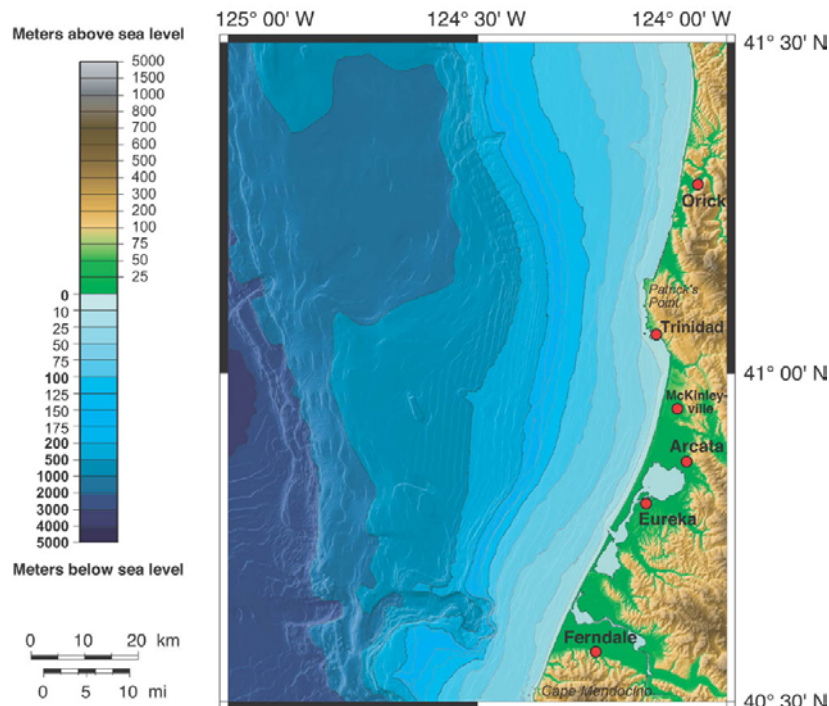
- Excellent wave conditions and deep water ( $> 50$  m) within 10 miles from shore
- Reasonable permitting process

## Secondary sites

- Sites located further offshore due to wave shadowing effects (e.g., Channel Islands in Southern California)
- Anticipated permitting difficulties (e.g., marine sanctuaries)



## Cell 9: Northern Humboldt County



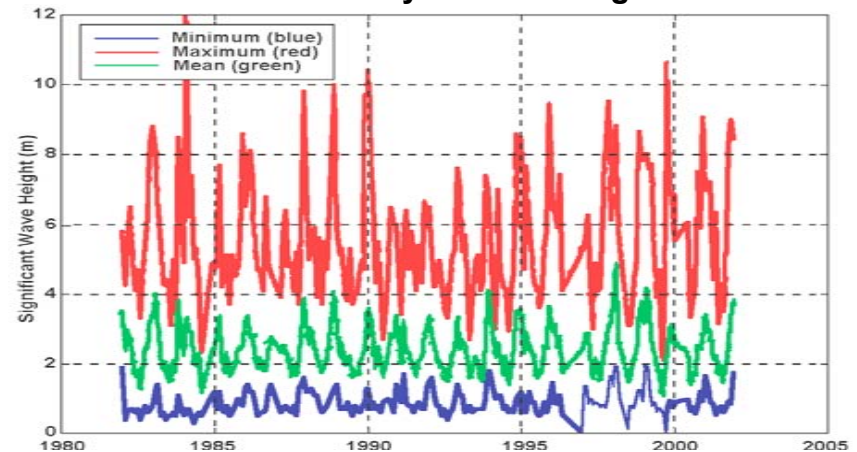
### Mean Statistics

Significant wave height: 2.46 m (SD = 1.13)

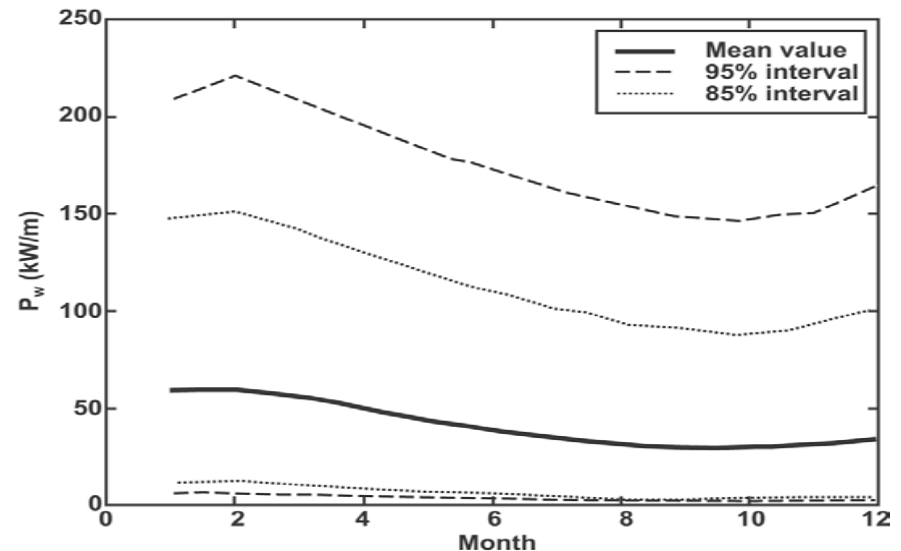
Dominant wave period: 11.14 s (SD = 3.41)

Wave power density: 33.71 kW/m

### Interannual Variability of Wave Height for Box 9



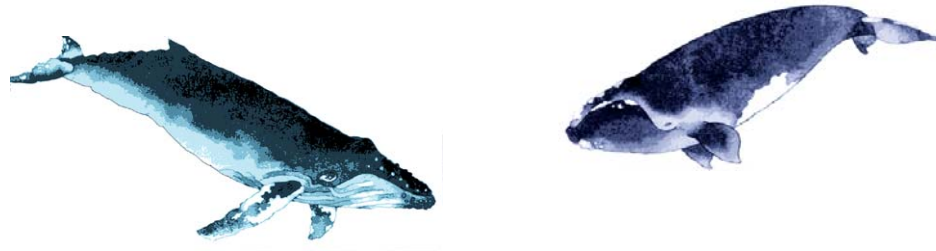
### Seasonal Variability of Wave Power for Box 9





## Projected Costs of Produced Electricity are Highly Uncertain

- ★ Very little short-term operational experience available
- ★ Wave energy conversion technologies are in the development and testing stage
- ★ Offshore is much more expensive than onshore
- ★ Economic improvements likely to result from
  - ◆ Increased capacity factors based on improved tuning algorithms
  - ◆ Improved reliability and resulting lower O&M costs
  - ◆ Improved maintenance strategies
  - ◆ Standards for operation and maintenance should lower insurance cost
  - ◆ Economies of scale and learning by doing



# Environmental and Permitting Issues







# Environmental Impacts Must Be Better Characterized



## Activities affiliated with WEC

- Directional drilling through shoreline
- Laying/burying power transmission cables
- Setting down anchors on seabed
- Drilling into seabed for heavy-lift anchors
- Operation and maintenance activities
- Attenuation of wave energy during power generation

## Potential impacts

- Visual impacts in scenic areas
- Disruption of fish and marine mammal migration
- Perturbation of sedimentation patterns
- Disturbance of seabed ecosystem
- Navigation hazards



# Environmental Impacts



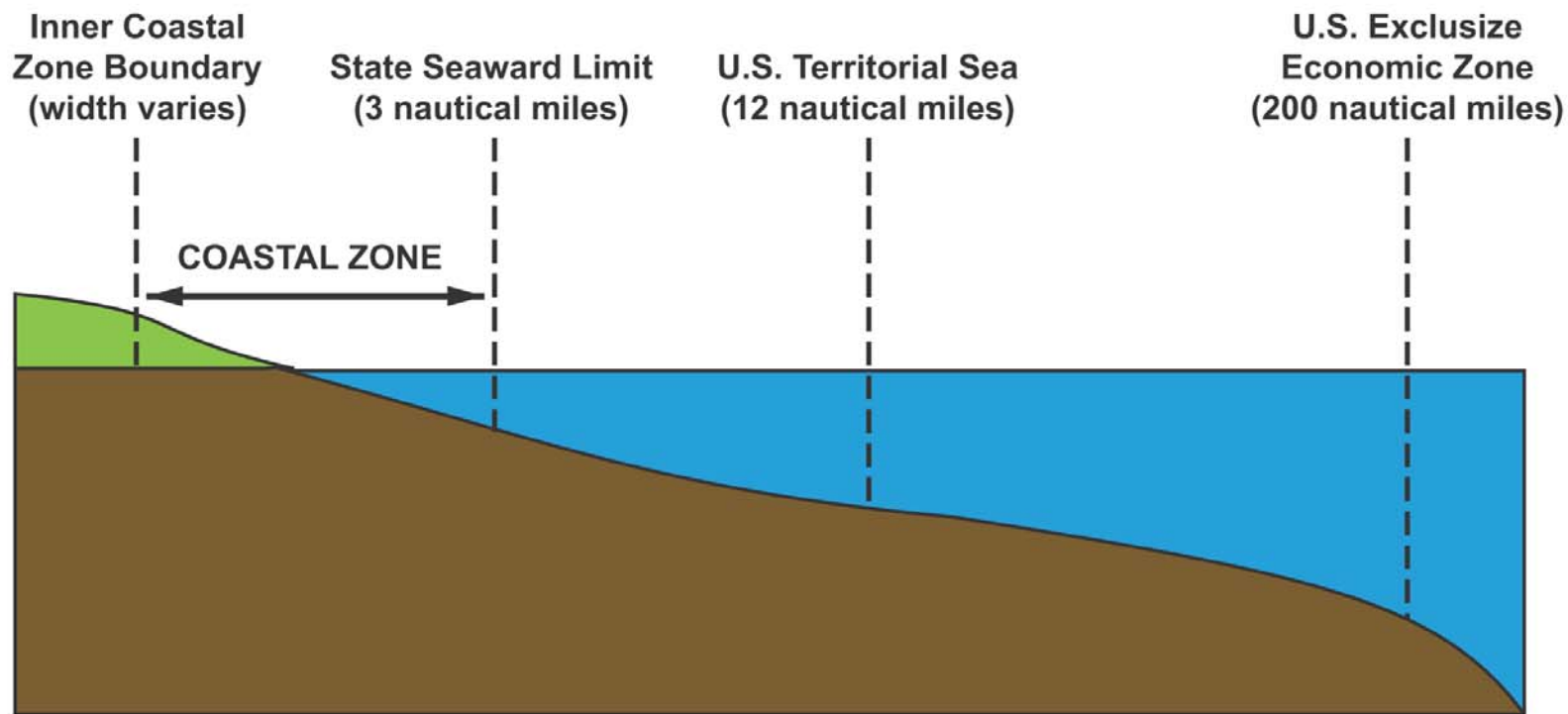
**Hypothesis: WEC power generation has low environmental impact relative to other renewable and fossil energy sources**

- Most significant impacts occur during construction/installation (i.e., short-lived)
- Low visual impact for low-lying, offshore devices
- No major disturbances anticipated to fish and marine mammal migrations
- No emissions and/or discharges



# Maritime Boundaries

**Coastal development involves federal, state and local jurisdictions**





# Permitting: Relevant Agencies

## Federal

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Marine Fisheries Service

## State

- California Coastal Commission
- California State Lands Commission
- California State Water Resources Control Board
- Regional Water Quality Control Boards
- California Department of Fish and Game

**\*\* Local county/city government agencies may also be involved**



# Permitting: Relevant Regulations

## Federal

- River and Harbors Act
- Title 33 -- Navigation and Navigable Waters
- Clean Water Act
- Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act
- Federal Power Act
- Coastal Zone Management Act
- Submerged Lands Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

## State

- Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act
- California Coastal Act
- California State Lands Act
- California Endangered Species Act
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)



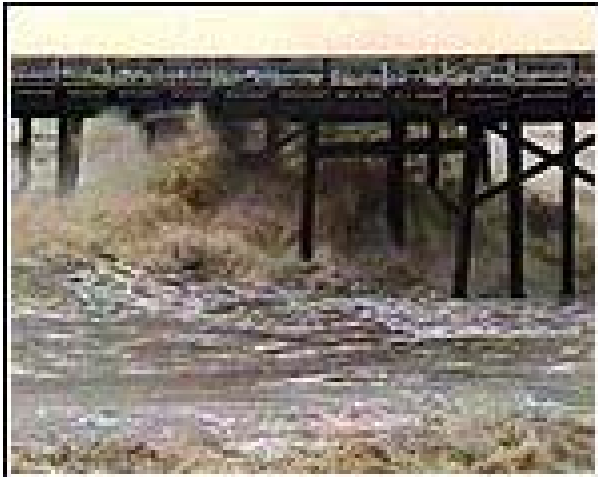
# The New DOE Initiative on Regional Carbon Sequestration is an Example of Federal/State/Lab/Industry/NGO Interaction

- ★ States: CA, OR, WA, NV, AZ, AK
- ★ Labs: LLNL, LBNL, NETL
- ★ Industry: BP, Shell, Kinder-Morgan, ....
- ★ Consultants: EPRI, ARI, Nexant, SFA Pacific,...
- ★ Public Outreach: Science Systems, San Francisco, NRDC, Universities



# Climate Change and Carbon Management:

## Efficiency, Decarbonization, Sequestration



(CNN)

- \* Improve understanding of impacts (economic, biological, energy implications) and develop adaptation strategies relative to CA
- \* Current portfolio implements Environmental RD&D program
  - ♦ Improved monitoring and modeling (Scripps Institute)
  - ♦ Carbon Sequestration (West Coast Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership)
- \* CDWR, CDFA, LBNL, Winrock, EPRI, US Forest, DOE, EPA, CALFED, NSF, NOAA, Kearny
- \* AK, WA, OR, NV, AZ
- \* Implications for Northern California
  - ♦ Site for terrestrial sequestration
  - ♦ Ocean sequestration conundrum





## Some Closing Thoughts on Ocean Energy Potential and Issues

- ★ The potential for oceans as an energy resource cannot be ignored
- ★ Considerable national and international funding will be required to prove economics
- ★ Oceans will also be investigated as a Carbon Sink
- ★ CEC/PIER has limited resources
  - ◆ Can partner with USG
  - ◆ Must focus on near-term projects



# California's R&D Activities are Critical in Supporting State Energy Policy

- ★ California's energy policy and initiatives will continue to differ from Federal policies
- ★ PIER R&D initiatives have, and will continue to, affect Federal energy program decisions
- ★ Program is designed to address both ratepayer needs and legislative interests

**Stream of technologies to market will allow  
California to economically achieve policy goals**



# Driving to a Sustainable Future: The “E”s are Linked



- ★ **Environment**
- ★ **Energy**
- ★ **Economics**
- ★ **Equity**
- ★ **Education**

